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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: THESSALONIKI SEWAGE SYSTEM

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1. PLEASE INFORM GILBERT ASSOCIATES THAT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS ASSIGNED PREPARATION OF OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THESSALONIKI GULF TO GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC AND FISHING RESEARCH. ACCORDING TO PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY OFFICIAL, TECHNICAL/ECONOMIC STUDY OF SEWAGE NETWORK WILL FOLLOW OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEY BUT CANDIDACY WILL BE LIMITED TO GREEK CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRMS. CONTRACTOR MAY, HOWEVER, EMPLOY SERVICES OF FOREIGN SPECIALIST FOR SHORT PERIOD. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT OF THESSALONIKI SEWER ORGANIZATION, USSUANCE OF TENDER FOR LATTER SURVEY MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL CY 1976.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THESSALONIKI, OFFICIAL OF HELLENIC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (ETVA) INFORMED EMBREP THAT ONLY PROJECT FITTING GILBERT DESCRIPTION IS PROPOSED STUDY OF EXPANDED USE OF THESSALONIKI PORT AS TRANSIT CENTER FOR BALKAN COUNTRIES (THESSALONIKI 1569. FYI: THESSALONIKI PORT ORGANIZATION NOW CONCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRE-SURVEY BY IESC SPECIALIST AND PORT PRESIDENT VALALAS CURRENTLY VISITING SELECTED PORT INSTALLATIONS IN US.

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3. WHILE GOG POLICY IS TO MAXIMIZE UTILIZATION OF LOCAL

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, U.S. ENGINEERING FIRMS HAVE BEEN
SHORTLISTED FOR OTHER RECENT SURVEYS, AND EMBASSY DOES
NOT BELIEVE PRESENT CASE REPRESENTS EFFORT TO FREEZE
OUT US FIRMS. KUBISCH

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